



I wanted to say thank you to our city staff. 2020 has been a challenging time for our staff and their families. COVID has affected all of our lives in a multitude of ways, and despite these challenges our staff has continually had to adjust to new ways of providing customer service to our residents such as moving all of our city services online, and reaching out to help our businesses get the information they need to adjust to the constantly changing guidance from the state and County health officials. Our Police and Fire departments have continued to keep

our community safe 24/7, Public Works has kept our parks, roads and sewers in operation and we have kept the Building industry moving forward developing fantastic new projects here in town. Our community is strong, and I am incredibly proud of just how resilient we have been in the face of adversity. As vaccines start to roll out in the coming weeks, I think we will all remember 2020 like no other year and I hope we come back from the holidays feeling energized to tackle 2021.

Welcome Councilmembers Marcus Bush, Jose Rodriguez and City Clerk Luz Molina

I wanted to welcome our two new City Councilmembers, and our new City Clerk! I also wanted to congratulate Mitch Beauchamp on his re-election as City Treasurer. We congratulate all of you, and look forward to working with each of you in the new year to keep pushing our city to new heights.



Council Meeting 12/15 Updates

In addition to welcoming our new elected officials, we thanked Councilmembers Cano and Quinetero for their service to the City. We also congratulated Angil Morris-Jones and Mike Dalla on their retirements. In a very busy meeting, the City Council also selected Jose Rodriguez as the Vice Mayor. We have welcomed so many new faces to our organization over the last few months. I'm looking forward to working with our new team in 2021!

COVID Vaccinations and Testing Resources

The state received and distributed its first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in California last week. The state has released a phased approach for

distribution, with priority given to health care professionals. We will provide employees additional information of availability of the vaccine for our staff as it becomes available from the County.

In order to continue to keep each other safe until vaccines can be accessed, I would encourage all employees to get tested, especially if you have contact with anyone outside your immediate family during the holidays. Contact your healthcare provider or the County of San Diego which has [free diagnostic COVID-19 testing at many locations](#), including the Kimball Senior Center. These tests take about 5-10 minutes and results come back in approximately 3 days.

Lighting up City Facilities

Thank you to Public Works Facilities for installing lights on the MLK Center and the Police Department for the first time this year. Funding was provided by a small grant from SDG&E. The lights look fantastic, and bring some holiday cheer to all of us.

Holiday Raffle Winners!

Thanks again to the Senior Management Team for providing over \$2,000 worth of great gifts for employees! Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the employees for all your hard work and dedication this year! A recording of the event will be posted to the I: common drive - "Holiday Raffle 2020" folder.

- **TV Basket - Roberto Gonzales - Police Department**
- **Wyze Basket - Lilibeth Aguelo- Fire Department**
- **Speaker - Maelihini Adamos - Police Department**
- **Kayak - Armando Washington - Public Works**
- **Paddleboard - Alex Hernandez - Police Department**
- **Hike & Wine Basket - Alex Neu - Library**
- **Mystery Gift 2/ 50 inch TV - Roy Inga - Public Works/Parks**
- **Mystery Gift 1/ COVID Kit - Jose Cervantes - Public Works**
- **Instant Pot - Elena Amaya- Risk Management/HR**
- **Fiesta Basket - Hilda Perez - Community Services/Nutrition Center**
- **Bonfire Basket - Esther Clemente - City Manager's Office**
- **Kitchenista Basket - Maria Vega - Community Services/Nutrition Center**
- **Pop Up Tent - James Beecher - Public Works/Parks**
- **Connect Four - Rebeca Lattire - Community Development/Building**
- **Gourmet Basket - Amber Lashbrook - Police Department**
- **Movie Night Basket - Denise Bautista - Police Department**
- **Health Basket - Kyle Fichhorn - Police Department**
- **Julian Basket - Karina Lopez - Community Services**
- **Briefcase - Arnold Ocana - Finance**
- **Breakfast Basket - Ron Monzon - Finance**

Together We Can! - Michael Dalla

Michael Dalla began attending City Council meetings in 1970 while a student at SDSU. In 1971 the City Council appointed him as a Student member of the Planning Commission. In 1974, at age 25, Mike was elected to the City Council – where he served for almost 21 years.

In December 2020 Mike Dalla will complete 24 years as the elected City Clerk and Records Manager for National City and will retire, marking the end of his 46 year career serving the people of National City.

Mike is the husband of Maria Dalla who serves on the National School District Board, the proud father of three and grandfather of four children. He is a product of National City schools, earned Bachelors and Masters degrees from SDSU, has been active in numerous community and service organizations and a 40 year sponsor of youth sports teams. Mike's private sector experience includes working in construction accounting and managing and owning a National City restaurant.

During his career Mike was privileged to have worked alongside many titans and visionary leaders of business and government and dedicated City employees who laid the foundation for much of what we have today such as Plaza Bonita Center; the Mile of Cars, Kimball-Morgan Senior Towers, Downtown Redevelopment; the Martin Luther King Community Center; Industrial Parks; Police Station facility; the Nutrition Center; Camacho Gym; Senior Center and neighborhood

revitalization. Over the years Mike aggressively championed neighborhood improvement programs because he felt it vital for residents to see the tangible financial benefits of having a healthy business community.

Mike has operated from the philosophy that no one gets anything done by themselves; that success comes from collaborating, communicating and working with others and that it is more important to get something done than it is to get the credit. He considers his greatest honor in life the privilege of a career serving the people of National City. We are happy for Mike and his wife Maria, as they move on to the next phase of their life together, and we are so lucky to have had Mike serving the city for 46 years...and he did it Mike's Way...